

Beatties Ford Road Widening Project

Update

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Public workshops were held in September 2003 to discuss traffic analysis and traffic operations, safety considerations, and future transportation needs along the Beatties Ford Road corridor. The first workshop (Tuesday, September 16) focused on the section of Beatties Ford Road from Sunset Road to Lakeview Road. The second workshop (Thursday, September 18) focused on the section of Beatties Ford Road from Capps Hill Mine Road to Sunset Road.

Work groups were asked to answer a set of questions regarding community identity and transportation needs along the Beatties Ford Road corridor. The work groups also discussed median openings and where they may be located. A highlight of items discussed each night are summarized below:

Community Identity

- Importance of parks, schools, trees, historic site, and a few traffic signals to keep a residential feel for the area
- Enhancements such as street lights, bus stop shelters, sidewalk, and bike lanes
- Importance of preserving the stone wall by the Presbyterian church
- Improved drainage

Transportation Features

- Sidewalk with planting area
- Bicycle lanes
- Widening Beatties Ford to a four-lane median divided roadway
- Benefits of a four-lane median divided roadway vs. a five-lane roadway with no median vs. a four-lane roadway with no median

Since September 2003...

- The project team has continued to evaluate the traffic analysis, design criteria for the roadway improvements, and the typical cross-section of the roadway.
- Preliminary environmental investigations, geotechnical investigations, cultural resource investigations, and surveys of Beatties Ford Road have been completed.

Next Steps...

- Develop alternative roadway improvements based on engineering data and public input.
- Evaluate alternative roadway improvements and select preferred alternative.
- Hold public meeting to present preferred alternative.

Please note: We understand that some of you may not have received a notice for the September public workshops. We have expanded our mailing list since September, and look forward to seeing all of you at the next public meeting this spring!

BEATTIES FORD

Road Widening Project

from Capps Hill Mine Road to Lakeview Road

REMAINING PROJECT SCHEDULE

Conduct public meeting presenting preferred alternative - Spring 2004

Complete planning documents - Summer 2004

Begin Design - When funding becomes available

Right-of-Way Acquisition - When funding becomes available

Construction - When funding becomes available

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Check out the City's new web site: <http://www.charmeck.org>

Coming late February - The project web site will include additional information about the Beatties Ford Road Widening Project, such as project history, objectives, schedule information, cost, maps, and contact information. Type "charmeck.org" into your internet browser and then select "Departments" first, "Engineering & Property Management" next, and "See Our Projects" last. You'll then see a selection of transportation project sites, including "Beatties Ford Road."